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Mr Ahmad al Khatwaga

A most serious situation has arisen by impending trial on trumped up charges of Rashid Ghannouchi and other opposition members by Bourguiba's regime in Tunisia. Reportedly the regime is bent on awarding them capital punishment. Request you to intervene urgently and also arrange defence of the accused.

Salem Azzam
Secretary General
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Mr Fathi Radwan

above repeated plus;

We have already appraised Amnesty International and other human rights agencies and they have promised to act in the matter.